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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-1000 (Sub-No. 1X)

November 20, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on October 19, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended and no additional comments were received. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. Prior to commencement of any salvage activities, Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc. (GSR) shall consult with Harris County, Meriwether County, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Protection Division and shall comply with the reasonable requirements of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water General Permit Program and the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act. GSR shall report the results of these consultations in writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis prior to commencement of any salvage activities.

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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